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SUBJECT: SOME SIDELIGHTS TO SAN ANTONIO TRADE FAIR

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1. REFTEL REPORTS COMMERCIAL SUCCESS OF MEXICAN TRADE FAIR AT SAN ANTONIO. AMBASSADOR ATTENDED FAIR AS GUEST OF MEXICAN ORGANIZATION (IMCE) WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS AND DEPT'S DIRECTOR OF OFFICE OF MEXICAN AFFAIRS.

2. FAIR INTERESTING ALSO FROM POINT OF VIEW OF LITTLE MENTION HAVING BEEN MADE OF PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA, AND EVEN SOME NEGATIVE COMMENTS MADE PRIVATELY. THIS MAY BE RESULT OF APPROACHING SEXENIO OR FACT THAT PARTICIPANTS WERE IN FREER ATMOSPHERE OUTSIDE MEXICO.

3. MEXICAN SPEAKERS, NOTABLY MENDOZA BERRUETO (UNDER-SECRETARY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY) AND JULIO FAESLER (DIRECTOR OF IMCE) EMPHASIZED COMMERCIAL DEFICIT MEXICO RUNS WITH US. LATTER EXPRESSED PUBLICLY FEARS THAT US TRADE REFORM ACT WAS ALREADY DAMAGING MEXICAN EXPORTS AND WOULD FURTHER DO SO IN FUTURE. COMMENTS WERE MADE IN CONTEXT OF DISCUSSION OF VERY LARGE MEXICAN SALES TO USPURCHASERS, BUT NEWSPAPERS CHOSE TO HIGHLIGHT NEGATIVE ASPECTS. FAESLER'S COMMENTS WERE WIDELY PRINTED IN AND EDITORIALIZED ON IN MEXICAN PRESS,

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THEREBY REAWAKENING THIS ALMOST DORMANT ISSUE. EMBASSY

FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION WITH FAESLER WILL BE REPORTED SEPTTEL.
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